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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Reginald A. Wright, Jr. on
4 the occasion of his retirement as the Proviso East High School
5 Band Director; and

6 WHEREAS, Reginald Wright, Jr. was born in Darlington, South
7 Carolina on September 14, 1950 to Reginald A., Sr. and Dorothy
8 B. Wright; he attended elementary and high school in
9 Charleston, South Carolina and graduated from C.A. Brown High
10 School in 1968, with honors; in 1972, he graduated from South
11 Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science in Music
12 Education Instrumental; he furthered his education at the
13 University of South Carolina, National-Lewis University
14 (Administration), and the VanderCook College of Music, where he
15 received a Masters of Music Education; and

16 WHEREAS, Reginald Wright, Jr. came to the Chicago area in
17 1986 and worked as a music educator in District 88 schools; he
18 joined Proviso East High School in 1993, inheriting a band of
19 14 members; the Proviso East High School Marching Band has
20 grown in excellence as well as numbers over the past years and
21 to this date has over a 100 members; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2005, District 209 entrusted the direction of

1 the district band to Reginald Wright, Jr.; the Proviso Township
2 High School Band has a membership of approximately 300
3 students; and

4 WHEREAS, Reginald Wright, Jr. is a member of Omega Psi Phi
5 Fraternity; he has won many awards, including the Illinois
6 Alliance for Arts Education Award, the VanderCook College of
7 Music Outstanding Service to Music Education Award, and the
8 Maywood Park District Community Spirit Award; he is a
9 clinician, teacher, and adjudicator for bands throughout the
10 South East and Midwest; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate Reginald A. Wright, Jr. on his retirement as the
14 Proviso East High School Band Director and we wish him the best
15 in all his future endeavors; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Reginald Wright, Jr. as an expression of our
18 esteem and respect.